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Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue  
Washington D.C., 20591  
Subject: Exemption to FAR 105.45 a1i

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am seeking an exemption to FAR 105.45 § a.1.i. FAR 105.45 lists requirements for skydivers conducting tandem jumps as the parachutist in command. Section a.1.i. states that a tandem instructor must have three years in the sport of skydiving.

Several factors contribute to my deserving an exemption. First, safety would in no way be compromised as I am considered a master parachutist and hold the highest license the United States Parachute Association offers (D-26042). Additionally, I am currently an instructor in the static line method of training and have instructed and supervised over 300 student training jumps. Finally, I have completed more than 650 skydives in the two years and four months that I have been involved in the sport of skydiving.

Moreover, granting this exemption would benefit the public interest in that it would aid an aviation business. Currently I am on staff at Archway Skydiving Center in Vandalia, Illinois. This business needs additional tandem instructors for the 2004 season and would appreciate my assistance.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that you grant an exemption to FAR 105.45 § a.1.i, allowing me to pursue the rating for tandem instructor.

Sincerely,

  
John Filippi